

# House File 2491 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2153)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the scheduled fine for writing, sending, or  
2 viewing an electronic message while driving on a highway  
3 within two hundred feet of a school.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 805.8A, subsection 14, paragraph 1, Code  
2 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 1. *Writing, sending, or viewing an electronic message while*  
4 *driving violations.*

5 (1) For violations under section 321.276 that occur within a  
6 school district as defined in section 321.1, subsection 70, the  
7 scheduled fine is sixty dollars.

8 (2) For all other violations under section 321.276, the  
9 scheduled fine is thirty dollars.

10 EXPLANATION

11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 Under current law, a person who writes, sends, or views  
14 an electronic message while driving in violation of Code  
15 section 321.276 is subject to a scheduled fine of \$30. This  
16 bill provides that a person who writes, sends, or views an  
17 electronic message while driving in violation of Code section  
18 321.276 within a school district is subject to a scheduled fine  
19 of \$60. "School district" is defined in Code section 321.1(70)  
20 as the territory contiguous to and including a highway for a  
21 distance of 200 feet in either direction from a schoolhouse  
22 in a city. Under Code section 321.285, the speed limit in a  
23 school district is 25 miles per hour, and a school district  
24 must be marked by distinctive signs.